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## THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PROGRAM

*"A Vision for Excellence in State and Local Public Health"*

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The National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP) was officially launched on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC and is now ready for implementation. This program is comprised of three instruments to be used to strength state public health systems, local public health systems and local public health governance. The state and local tools have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB approval is in process for the Governance tool and expected by year-end.

Resources are now available to support implementation of the NPHPSP. This assessment tool is an activity covered under Focus Area A of the CDC Bioterrorism Grant Program. As you move toward implementation, the NPHPSP partners, including NALBOH, will provide extensive support including training and technical assistance through our office and our website at [www.nalboh.org](http://www.nalboh.org).



Bringing excellence to local and state public health agencies is the ultimate purpose of the National Public Health Performance Standards Program. It is designed to help states and local communities understand, assess, and improve their public health infrastructure and programs. Through participation in the performance standards process, local boards of health will gain a better

understanding of what they are and are not capable of achieving, and thereby be more likely to seek and implement strategies that improve performance. Self-evaluations and strategic planning are key ingredients for successful boards of health.

The National Public Health Performance Standards Program has been four years in development and testing (including some piloting testing of the Governance Instrument with five boards of health by the Massachusetts Institute for Local Public Health). The program includes three instruments. Of particular interest to board of health members, is an assessment instrument for local boards of health and other governing bodies. The program offers clear, measurable performance standards for state and local public health entities to help ensure the delivery of the three core public health functions (assessment, policy development, and assurance) and the 10 Essential Public Health Services that are listed below: *Continue on Page 2*

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1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

The goals of the NPHPSP are:

- ❖ To create tools for public health practitioners to use in a continuous quality improvement process as is done now in most other health care sectors;
- ❖ To strengthen; local public health entities by providing a proven, nationally-recognized mechanism for demonstrating accountability; and
- ❖ To enhance state and local public health decision-making by strengthening the science base for effective public health practice.

Ultimately, the value of using the NPHPSP's Governance Instrument will be to help local boards of health become more effective in their oversight of city and town health departments, in their participation within the local public health system, and in their provision of essential public health services.

Each of the three NPHPSP instruments (State, Local System, and Governance) are structured around the 10 Essential Services and articulate clear performance standards as well as indicators of performance that can be measured against those standards. Two illustrative excerpts from the Governance Instrument are provided, specially Essential Service 5: "Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts," and Essential Service 6: "Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and assure safety."

By answering each question in the Governance Instrument, board members and health officers will

have information that can be used to target areas of responsibilities needing improvement, to identify assets and needs, and to monitor improvement progress while advocating for additional resources. Completing the Governance Instrument will provide local boards of health with objective data for assessing their effectiveness and for identifying their strengths and weaknesses.

Five Massachusetts Boards of Health participated in the pilot testing of the Governance Instrument. The boards identified some of the boards' strengths as good relations with their Health Director, good knowledge of their communities, and excellent enforcement of regulations. Weaknesses identified included lack of strategic planning, lack of written policies and protocols, and limited capacity and opportunities for advocacy on their own behalf and on behalf of the populations they serve.

The boards also identified certain opportunities for improvements by using this self-assessment process, including increasing validation of the role of board members, increasing awareness of other potential service delivery resources and collaborators, of gaps in service delivery, and of the need for strategic planning. Another benefit of participating in the program is having a nationally-recognized tool, the completed Governance Instrument, as a basis for advocacy. Finally, potential barriers to fulfilling these opportunities were acknowledged. These included lack of adequate resources, lack of full public appreciation of the importance of local public health, limitation of the state's public health infrastructure, and limitations placed on appointed, as compared to elected, boards.

With leadership from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards and from the Massachusetts Institute for Local Public Health, all boards of health in Massachusetts will now have the opportunity to assess their own performance and to take steps towards strengthening their policy-making and oversight roles. Your state can be in a similar situation. The National Public Health Performance Standards Program will be offered to your city or town within the next few years. Welcome it with open arms for it will offer many benefits long awaited by dedicated, concerned boards of health.

For more information about the NPHPSP visit the NALBOH website at <http://www.nalboh.org> or call the NALBOH office at (419) 353-7714.

## News Release

### **GENERAL MILLS**

The General Mills Foundation, the American Dietetic Association (ADA) Foundation and the President's Challenge are partnering to improve youth nutrition and fitness. The initiative, "General Mills Champions," will consist of grants to community-based groups. Additional components of the initiative include sponsorship of the Presidential Active Lifestyle Awards (PALA), developing nutrition and fitness mentoring models, and sharing best practices.

The General Mills Foundation will award 50 grants of up to \$10,000 each to non-profit organizations with innovative programs that help youth develop good nutrition and fitness habits. All interested nonprofit and community-based organizations wishing to participate in Champions program will need to apply by February 1, 2003. Information on the General Mills Champions initiative, [grant applications](#), best practices and model programs are available at

[www.generalmills.com/foundation](http://www.generalmills.com/foundation).



### **Updated Guidance On HIPAA Privacy Rule**

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) issued an updated guidance on the HIPAA Privacy Rule on December 3, 2002. This 123-page document is extremely clear and helpful. While it might not answer all of your questions, the section on public health is very well done and should be of use in your work with providers. The guidance clarifies issues such as "Is it permissible to disclose information that is not specially required by law?" found on pages 80-81 and page 16 addresses "reminder notices". This document is available at

[www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/privacy.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/privacy.html)



## **New School Age Program Regulations Are In Effect!**

*Submitted Chris Ross-Baze*

Former Secretary Graeber adopted School Age Program Regulations on December 16, 2002. The regulations became effective on January 10, 2003. The regulations can be down loaded from our KDHE Website under the Bureau of Child Care Licensing and Regulation. To go directly to the BCCLR web site access [www.kdhe.state.ks.us/kidsnet](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/kidsnet). The regulations set minimum

standards for the operation of after school programs and summer programs for school age children. The Department has licensed after school and summer programs for school age children for about 20 years under the regulations for child care centers. Thank you to everyone who participated in the regulation development process!



### **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**



The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) has released a new Child Passenger Safety Week Planner along with other CPS materials such as a press release, media tips, and a fact sheet on their web site. Child Passenger Safety Week will be observed from February 9-15 this year. To access these materials, go to <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> and click on the Buckle Up America/CPS Week link.

## *Public Health Personnel Update*

**Anita Hodge**, RN, is the new editor of Connections. Please send news articles, personnel changes, notice of staff accomplishments, etc., to this e-mail address, [ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us) by the third Thursday of the month.

**Vada Winger**, RN, former editor of Connections, Public Health Nurse Specialist, Office of Local & Rural Health, SW District Office, has taken a new position with KDHE. Vada will now be working with the Bureau of Epidemiology & Disease Prevention as a Medical Investigator for the Bioterrorism Program. We appreciate all the hard work Vada has done with Connections.

**Correction** - Sylvia Burns, RN, DON is the Acting Director of Leavenworth County Health Department.

**Jeanie Beason**, RN became the new administrator for the Chautauqua County Health Department on December 23, 2002. Jeanie has been employed with the health department since September 30, 1988. She has served as Public Health Nurse and Home Health Nurse. She is a native of Chautauqua County.

**Mary Ann Humphries**, HSHV Coordinator - Children & Families Section said goodbye to Mary Ann after 33 years of service with KDHE. Mary Ann's retirement party was held December 19, 2002. We wish her good health and enjoyment of her well-deserved freedom. Mary Ann will be missed by many, but she has designs for her new life and she plans to continue working in other ways for the women and children of Kansas.

**Kathy Prilliman**, ARNP, has resigned from her position as Director of the Barber County Health Department, effective January 10, 2003. Kathy has accepted a position with a private medical practice in Kiowa, KS. Applications are being sought for the position of Director of the Barber County Health Department. Interested parties should contact the Barber County Health Department, 620-886-3294 for additional information and application materials. Anita Poland, RN will be corresponding for the health department until a new administrator can be hired. She can be reached at [akpoland@hotmail.com](mailto:akpoland@hotmail.com)

**Karen J. Sattler**, RN, has become the new Administrator for Scott County Health Department. Karen has been with the Scott County Health Department for 2 years and had previously worked at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City for 3 years. Karen writes, "Judy Binns is an irreplaceable individual that has made it an almost impossible job to fill her shoes, but I plan to do my very best."

**Katherine Shuster**, MPH, CBE (former KDHE MCH Epidemiologist) has joined CDC, National Center of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, Maternal and Child Nutrition Branch in Atlanta, GA as the ORISE Breastfeeding Research Fellow. Katherine's fellowship focuses on conducting research to improve breastfeeding promotion and support, increase awareness and funding for governmental activities to promote and support breastfeeding, and establishment and dissemination of national policy on infant feeding. In addition to her research capacities, Katherine is pursuing certification as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

**Christine Tuck**, RN, MS - Children & Families Section welcomes Christine as Child Health Consultant. Christine will be the health consultant for public health and schools primarily for the early childhood (0-9 yr.) population. Chris comes with an extensive background in pediatric nursing both in the acute care setting and in community health. She was a school nurse and served as Director of Health Services for the Seaman School District and most recently was a nursing instructor at KAW Area Technical School in Topeka.

**Vivian Wing**, RN, has been named Director of the Sumner County Health Department. Vivian has previously served as Director of the Greenwood County Health Department, and as a staff member of the Sedgwick County Health Department.

## Regional Public Health Meetings

The 2003 Regional Public Health Meetings will include the MCH Services Grant changes with speakers Linda Kenney, Bureau Director for Children, Youth & Families, and Ileen Meyer, Director for the Children & Families Section. A new staff member, Christine Tuck, Child Health Consultant, will be introduced at these meetings. In addition, Debbie Nickels, RN, BSN, Public Health Consultant, will discuss the KALHD HIPAA Project and provide technical assistance. Check the agenda below and attend the date and location convenient for you and your staff.

**Southeast Kansas:** February 6, from 10:00am - 3:00pm at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute.

**Northwest Kansas:** The next NW Regional PH Administrators Meeting will be February 13, 2003, from 10am - 3pm at the Colonial Steak House in

Oakley. RSVP to Georgetta Schoenfeld at 785-672-4502. In addition to the other schedule speakers, William Burney II MD will give a short presentation on HIV prevention services for Western Kansas.

**North Central Kansas:** February 25, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Dickinson County Health Department in Abilene.

**Northeast Kansas:** March 13, from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room 4<sup>th</sup>, Topeka.

**Southwest Kansas:** March 21, Ford County Health Department, Dodge City.

**South Central Kansas:** March 26, at 10:00am at the Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson.

## AROUND THE STATE



The Sedgwick County Health Department has administered more than 12,500 flu shots and they are still being requested. Dr. Doren

Fredrickson, Health Officer for Sedgwick County, asked that the public be reminded through the media that it is not too late to get a flu shot, even though influenza has been confirmed in the state. This has resulted in another round of publicity in Sedgwick County which brought in more clients for flu shots."

## WHAT'S NEW

### 2002 Honorary Recognition Awardee



**Connie Scheffer, RN, MSN**

Connie Scheffer, RN, MSN, received the Honorary Recognition Award at the 90<sup>th</sup> annual Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) convention. Honorary Recognition is KSNA's most prestigious award and is given annually to a registered nurse who has rendered distinguished service to the nursing profession in Kansas at the district, state, and/or national level.

Scheffer began her career in nursing as an officer in the Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. She earned a diploma in nursing in 1960 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1961. In 1986 she earned a Masters of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Kansas in Medical Surgical Nursing, and a second master's degree in Community Health Nursing in 1988. She served as an instructor of Medical Surgical Nursing at Asbury Hospital School of Nursing from 1967-70 and again from 1981-1985. From 1972 to 1979 Scheffer gained experience as a public health nurse for the Salina-Saline County Health Department. She became a District Community Health Nurse for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in 1979 continuing until 1981. From 1985 - 1988 Scheffer was an Oncology clinical Nurse Specialist for St. John's Hospital in Salina.

Scheffer created a cancer support group in which she co-authored and implemented a Cancer Prevention Program for grade school children. The program won a national award for excellence in education. In 1988 Scheffer returned to KDHE as a Community Health Nurse Consultant. From 1990-1996 she assumed the role of Risk Management Specialist, then became a Public Health Nurse Specialist until her retirement in July 2001.

Scheffer has made many significant contributions in parish nursing and in her community.

She developed and implemented the first Parish Nurse Program in Salina at Trinity Lutheran Church and she continues to serve there on a part time basis. She has been a member of the Board of Health and Family Life of the same church since 1993. Scheffer has been a member of the Salina Parish Nurse Alliance since 1994, and has contributed volunteer service at the Saline Cares Health Clinic since 1995.

As a long-standing member of KSNA, Scheffer has belonged to the association since 1967. She served on numerous committees and held many offices.

In September of 2001, Scheffer was honored as the recipient of the Dorothy Woodin Award for Excellence in Public Health Nursing by the Kansas Public Health Association, and in 1991, she received the KSNA President's Award. Scheffer is currently serving as Chairperson of the KSNA Resolutions Committee, and is the primary author of many resolutions over the years that have positioned KSNA so strongly in reducing tobacco consumption and preventing disease from smoking.

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## Start The New Year With A Smile



Good oral health is essential to overall health. Many people do not assign the same importance to dental health as they do to other types of physical health. Here are some New Year's Resolutions to help you keep your resolve for healthy teeth and gums in the coming year.

- ❖ Resolve to disclose all medical conditions and medications at every dental appointment to aid in the oral examination and diagnosis. Many medications cause changes in gums, or contribute to a dry mouth, that increases the risk of dental caries (cavities).
- ❖ Resolve to get teeth checked and cleaned every six months, or more frequently if recommended. Most oral problems are preventable; they tend to be progressive, and do not improve without treatment. <http://www.ada.org>, <http://www.adha.org>.
- ❖ Resolve to reduce the consumption of sugar and snacks. Sugar combines with the bacteria in your mouth to produce acid that attacks your teeth for 20 minutes each time. If you are unable to brush, then rinse your mouth with water or chew sugarless gum. Constant "grazing" throughout the day exposes our teeth to hours of acid attacking our teeth.
- ❖ Resolve to drink water not soda. It is estimated that we consume 56 gallons of carbonated drinks each year, or more than one-and-a-half 12 ounce can per day. Diet sodas still contain acid that contributes to decay. Water has no sugar, no acid, and no calories. "Soda is to teeth as cigarettes are to lungs". Check out "Sip All Day, Get Decay" at <http://www.mndental.org>
- ❖ Resolve not to use any tobacco products, including spit tobacco to reduce the risk of oral cancer. <http://www.nstep.org>
- ❖ Resolve to protect your teeth with fluorides and sealants. Drink fluoridated water, or check with your dentist or physician to see if your children need to take a fluoride supplement. Brush with fluoride toothpaste, or a fluoride gel. Children over the age of six may benefit from a fluoride rinse. Sealants are a hard plastic coating placed

on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to prevent decay.

- ❖ Resolve that anyone playing a contact sport will wear a mouth guard. Wearing a mouth guard can prevent concussions as well as prevent trauma to the mouth and teeth.
- ❖ Resolve to replace your toothbrush every 3 months, or sooner if needed, especially after a cold or the flu. Even electric toothbrush heads need to be replaced every three months. Use only a soft toothbrush.
- ❖ Resolve, if pregnant, to have teeth cleaned within the first trimester if possible. Discuss at this time the proper care of your own teeth, as well as your baby's teeth. It is especially important to maintain good oral health during pregnancy, as women with periodontal (gum) disease may have up to a seven times higher likelihood of premature birth. <http://www.perio.org>
- ❖ Resolve to floss daily. Flossing removes food particles and bacteria from between the teeth, and below the gum line that the toothbrush just can't reach. Be sure to wrap the floss around the tooth in a U-shape and slide it up and down the tooth several times.
- ❖ Resolve to brush longer. It should take four minutes (or longer) twice a day. Direct your toothbrush toward the gums at a 45-degree angle, brushing in tiny circles, and counting to ten slowly, to ensure thoroughness on each tooth. Be sure to brush your tongue to reduce bacteria and bad breath. MINUTES a day preventing dental disease is better than HOURS in the dental chair and/or YEARS of wearing false teeth!
- ❖ Resolve to get the smile you have always wanted! Replace missing teeth. Consider orthodontic treatment (braces). Explore all the options of bonding, veneers, or crowns. Whiten your teeth. Smile with confidence!

### **Stick To Your Resolutions To Ensure A Healthy Smile In 2003!**

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Environment, Bureau for  
Children, Youth & Families  
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/ohi>



## Immunization Update

*Submitted Martha Siemsen, RN, ARNP  
Immunization Program Assistant Director*

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, a four part series, begins on Thursday, February 13, 2003 and continues for the next three Thursdays from 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM. (February 20, 27 and March 6, 2003).



This live interactive program will provide the most current information available in the constantly changing field of immunization.

Unlike previous years, each session in the 2003 series will be accredited for continuing education credit independently. Participants will be able to receive credit for a single session without having to attend the entire series. Participants will need to register for each session, and participants must complete an evaluation for each session for which they wish to receive CE credit.

To register, visit the CDC/ATSDR Training and Continuing Education Online System at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtonline>. Individual registration will begin on January 23, 2003

## ***Things to Remember***

### **Smallpox Information Resources**

The CDC has developed a web-based resource kit, which contains the most current information about smallpox. This resources kit includes a number of materials that can be directly reproduced or may assist with the development of community-targeted materials. (Note: this kit links to only a partial listing of resources available on the CDC Smallpox Site. More resources can be found in the In-Depth Information and Resources@ section of the website.) The Resources Kit can be found at <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/reference/resource-kit.asp>. Please bookmark this web address and refer to it often.

The CDC will continue to update all Internet and resource material as necessary. Additional key sites:

Smallpox Home: <http://www.cdc.gov/smallpox>

Smallpox Basics Index:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/basics/>

Smallpox Basics Index in Spanish:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/basics/espanol/>

## ***Spanish Language Resource from NIOSH***

NIOSH has released some ergonomic information printed in Spanish that may help prevent injuries. It may be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/simplesol.html>

The name of this update is "Soluciones Simples: Ergonomia Para Trabajadores Agricolas" or "Simple Solutions: Ergonomics for Farm Workers".

## **Resource for Restaurant Nutrition Information**

Diabetics and those just interested in better nutrition may want to try this website:

<http://206.246.185.85/diabetes/restaurant.html>

This site contains nutrition information on the menu items offered by many popular restaurants and fast food outlets.

## **GENERAL WORKSHOPS**

### **Tuberculosis Update**

Every health department is encouraged to send at least one nurse to this workshop that will provide current information regarding prevention, rapid identification, initiation of appropriate treatment and state reporting requirements for tuberculosis. The KDHE TB Program feels this training is so important that they are providing one free registration to every health department. This program is also being offered at multiple sites for the convenience of the local health departments. The fee for other nurses is \$30.00 if the registration and payment are postmarked no later than five working days before the program (the registration includes lunch, refreshments and handout materials).

The date and location for the remaining session is:

**January 29, 2003** – Pittsburg State University, Department of Nursing, Pittsburg, Kansas

To register make check payable and mail registration to REK AHEC, PO Box 296, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762.

## MEDICAL INTERPRETATION ERRORS COMMON ACCORDING TO TWO NEW REPORTS

**PEDIATRICS** The American Academy of Pediatrics A recent report published in the January issue of Pediatrics found that errors in medical interpretation are quite common in pediatric settings, with an average of 31 errors per clinical encounter. This is significant because 63% of all errors had potential clinical consequences. The report recommends that third-party reimbursement for trained interpreter services should be considered for patients with limited English proficiency. Approximately 19 million people in the United States are limited in English proficiency. The abstract is available at <http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/abstract/111/1/6>.

Additionally, the January 9th issue of the Wall Street Journal examined the issue of medical translation for non-English speaking immigrants who seek care in remote settings where many physicians rely on family members to translate during millions of patient visits. Using amateur translators can lead to serious clinical consequences such as unnecessary surgeries, missed symptoms, and treatment overdoses according to professional interpreters and immigrant advocacy groups. According to the article, many physicians cannot afford professional interpreter services, which often costs more than the amount that Medicaid reimburses physicians for a single office visit. Currently only eight states provide Medicaid reimbursement for professional interpretation services. For an abstract of this article, go to [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily\\_reports/rep\\_in dex.cfm?DR\\_ID=15427](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_in dex.cfm?DR_ID=15427).



### Medical Interpreter Training



Grant funding provided by the Sunflower Foundation allowed Kansas Department of Health and Environment to contract with Jewish Vocational Service to provide four medical interpreter training sessions across Kansas this fiscal year. Medical interpreter training will enable

bilingual staff to better serve non-English speaking clients in the health care setting. Two medical interpreter-training sessions have successfully been completed this project period (July 1 - December 31, 2002). The first training site was in Lawrence at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Class size was 15 students and the class composition included a variety of interpreters from both the health and social service fields. Two students were nurses that work at Lawrence Memorial. All students were Spanish speakers. Students represented agencies such as Bert Nash Center, SRS, Douglas County Health Department, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and Shawnee County Health Agency. This was the first medical interpreter training session Jewish Vocational Service has held in a local hospital environment. It is important to note that the hospital setting aids in bringing home the significance of the course, and making the lessons more "real", in terms of visualizing their application to working with professional medical interpreters.

The second training was held in Pittsburg. The class size was 17 students. The class composition reflected a variety of organizations, such as Joplin Schools, Safehouse Women's Shelter, Health Dept., Sugar Creek Packing Company, USD 250 Migrant Education and local hospitals. Two bilingual nurses were included among the participants. At the completion of these two medical interpreter-training sessions, thirty students passed the final exam and received a certificate of completion. The next project period (January 1 - June 30, 2003) will include training sessions in Wichita on February 10, 11, 19, 20, and 21 at the KU School of Medicine and in Great Bend on June 2, 3, 11, 12, and 13 at the Job Service Center.

**Wichita**, February 10-11, February 19-21, KU School of Medicine, 1010 N Kansas, Wichita, Kansas.

**Topeka**, March 20-21/March 26-28, 2003.

**Garden City**, April 7-8/April 16-18, 2003

**Emporia**, May 12-13/May 16-18, 2003

**Great Bend**, June 2-3/June 11-13, Job Service Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Extension of Barton County Community College, 1025 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

**Salina**, July 17-18/July 23-25, 2003.



If you have questions or would like an application for the Medical Interpreter Training being presented in your area, please call Gaby Flores at the Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, at (816) 471-2808, ext 124. For additional questions or

concerns, please contact Anita Hodge, KDHE at (785) 368-8110.

## **Kansas Emergency Management 2003 Training**



### *Flood Flight Operations*

February 26-27, 2003 El Dorado

### *ICS for First Responders*

February 1-20, 2003 Garden City

### *Mass Fatalities*

February 11-13, 2003 Leavenworth

### *Local Situation (RAPID) Assessment and Asking for Help*

February 12, 2003 El Dorado

### *Debris Management*

March 4-5, 2003 Salina

### *Developing Volunteer Resources*

April 29-30, 2003 Manhattan

### *Emergency Planning Course*

April 8-9, 2003 Dodge City

### *Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts*

March 25-26, 2003 Fort Riley

### *EOC Management and Operations*

May 13-14, 2003 Hays

### *Mitigation for Emergency Managers*

April 10, 2003 Dodge City

### *Multihazard Safety Program for Schools*

March 19-20, 2003 Garden City

April 1-2, 2003 Wichita

June 3-4, 2003 Beloit

Additional information on each course can be found at the website <http://www.ink.org/public/kdem>. Changes and updates to the training schedule will be posted on the website and in the Kansas Emergency Management Newsletter, published quarterly. For an application please call the Training Office at 785-274-1412.

## **\* EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES \***

### **Kansas Board of Nursing**

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health work force in February and March, 2003, listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing is located on pages 18-21 at the following pdf. file

<http://www.ksbn.org/nursingnewsletter/2003/1qtr2003.pdf>

Offerings include:

- Child Abuse and Neglect Issues
- Prevention Issues for Workplace Stress and Violence
- Disaster Mental Health Services
- Effective Personal and Organizational Change Management
- Child Abuse: Assessment and Support of the Child
- A Therapeutic Approach to Nutrition
- A Window Into You: Why You Do What You Do.
- Healing Touch - Level One
- Understanding Latino Diversity in Health Care
- Understanding and Motivating a Real Zoo Around the Workplace
- Becoming an Effective Leader: Strategies to Enhance the Leadership Role
- Coming to Terms with End of Life Issues
- Human Nutrition and the Aging Process
- Hot Topics in Women's Health
- Ethics in Healthcare
- Spanish Today for Medical Professionals
- Major Advancements in Diabetes
- Humor in Nursing

### **Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)**

*Update in Occupational Health Standards* – February 25, in Garden City. To register call 620-275-0259.

*Pediatric Potpourri* – February 27 6-9pm in Labette. Contact Cindy Spriggs to register at 520-421-4880.

*Weight Loss Management* – February 27 6:30-8:30pm in Pittsburgh. Call to register 620-235-4040.

### **Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/ Web Casts for February**

See PHTN website at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> for a complete list of satellite programs, videostream programs, audio programs and web-based programs. Call Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator, at (785) 625-5663 for assistance in finding or scheduling a site.

Topics for February and March 2003 (All listed in Central Time) include:

*Smallpox and Vaccinia Laboratory Testing: A National Training Initiative*

January 29, 12pm-2pm

*Wired Communities: Putting the e in Public Health*

January 31, 1pm-2pm

*Clinical Management of Adverse Events Following*

*Smallpox Vaccination: A National Training Initiative*

February 4, 12pm-1:30pm

*Why is Neisseria Gonorrhea Still a Problem? An Update on Treatment and Diagnosis of GC*

February 5, 12pm-1pm

*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases - Part 1 of 4*

February 13, 11am – 2:30pm

*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases - Part 2 of 4*

February 20, 11am – 2:30pm

*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases - Part 3 of 4*

February 27, 11am – 2:30pm

*Biological & Chemical Warfare & Terrorism "Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological and Chemical Agent" Part 3 of 6 - Topic to be announced*

March 5, 12pm – 2pm

*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases - Part 4 of 4*

March 6, 11am – 2:30pm

## DESKTOP LEARNING – WEBCASTS

You will need: Real Player, a sound card, and speakers. Web casts are available to view from the PHTN website.

[http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp#Video\\_Web\\_Streaming](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/calendar.asp#Video_Web_Streaming)

SELF-STUDY MODULES AVAILABLE NOW AT PHTN:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/catalog.asp>

TO ORDER TAPES/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

## WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

### SMALLPOX

To read more on the disease, visit

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox>

To read more on the vaccine:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/facts.asp>

Medical conditions that make pre-vaccination inadvisable:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/contraindications-public.asp>

New training and informational materials for clinicians: <http://www.cdc.gov/smallpox> CDC will be posting the number for the Clinician Information Line, a 24/7 hotline to support the smallpox vaccination program.

Persons interested in participating in an on-going clinical trial can obtain additional information at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>.

### NURSING EDUCATION

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program. <http://www.ku.edu/schools>.

Washburn PHN Certification Program - e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: [zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

ANA's web site: [www.RNCE.org](http://www.RNCE.org)

### OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION ONLINE

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Public Health Foundation Training Finder:

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/search.cgi>

MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://prevmed.kumc.edu/mph>

National Library of Medicine:

<http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/index.html>

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CDC BT Training:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Center for the Study of Bioterrorism – St. Louis  
University School of Public Health:

<http://bioterrorism.slu.edu>

CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

US Department of Health and Human Services Public  
Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

CDC Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

[www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp)

Columbia University School of Nursing Center for  
Health Policy - Emergency Response: Core  
Competencies for All Public Health Workers

<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nursing/institute-centers/chphsr/ERMain.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on  
Linkages Between Academia and Public Health  
Practice:

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

KPHEIL LIBRARY –

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/library/listing.html>

Fact Sheets - Over 100 of the fact sheet titles are  
available to download on specific health and  
environmental issues.

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/health-info>

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